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Dear Brothers, Sisters and Nobles,

I am honored to introduce myself as the new editor of The Masonic News. As a proud member of the Craft since 2012, I look forward to continuing the tradition of sharing meaningful updates, inspiring stories, and important Lodge news with you all. My goal is to keep the newsletter informative, engaging, and reflective of the values we hold dear. I welcome your contributions, feedback, and ideas as we work together to strengthen our bonds and celebrate our shared journey in Freemasonry, the Shrine, and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Fraternally,
Jake Pschigoda
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Summer is rapidly approaching, a time for parades and onions and Corn and Brat Roast. BCSC has been busy getting ready for the above events. We are working on the minibikes to ensure that we have enough for all the new Nobles who want to ride in the parades. We are also going to revamp the Float and upgrade it for the parades. Onions will soon be here. Be ready to sell them, info on pricing to be given later. Corn and Brat roast coming up faster than you think, get things that can be given away as prizes, the more the better. Blossomtime Queens' trip to the Shriner's Childrens hospital is also coming soon.

List of upcoming events:

Parades:
5/26 Buchanan
6/8 Three Oaks
7/4 Galien and Berrien Springs
7/12 Bridgman
8/2 Coloma
9/1 Lawrence
9/7 Paw Paw
9/20 Niles Kids
9/27 Niles

May 23 BCSC Regular 7pm at Southwest Michigan Masonic Center (Lakeshore
and St. Joseph lodge building)
June 25 Queens' Trip 9am
June 27 BCSC Regular
July 25 BCSC Regular
July 29 Corn and Brat Roast
Looking forward to seeing all the nobles shoeing up for events

Fraternally yours,

Ron Price BCSC Secretary for Greg Weiser President

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Hello Brothers

We have a few things going on this month:

Flag Day Weekend starts 6-8. Three Oaks is the place to be with the family. The American Legion is going to have Bands all weekend, Kid games, a Softball tournament, and fireworks on the 7. The Village has a few things going on, including a 5k walk/run, Markets, a pet Parade, and a Flag Day Parade. Our Lodge will be Marching in the Flag Day Parade on Sunday. Come join us.

We have our annual Hog roast coming up on June 21. We will announce the Kids' Scholarship winner for the Year and present them with a check. A 55-inch flat-screen TV is a door prize, but you must be present to win. There will be Music, cornhole, and other games for kids. Come and enjoy a nice summer Evening With us at the American Legion Post 204, 204 W Linden St, Three Oaks, MI 49128.

Trussel Board:
June 2, 2025, is our next Regular Meeting
July 7, 2025, Regular stated meeting

LAKESHORE LODGE #298 F & AM

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Hello Brethren-
I hope this finds you in good health and in good spirits. Spring has sprung brothers, and
we know this because Michigan's "Honorary" state flower the orange traffic barrel, has
sprouted all over Michigan's great southwest. Come check us out, we'd love to see you! I hope you all have a great summer and take the opportunity for some much needed
fellowship with friends and family. Don't forget to mark your calendar with all the Masonic related events throughout the summer. Below is a list of some of the upcoming
lodge activities. I am looking forward to seeing you all again soon! Until we meet again…safe travels my brothers.

Fraternally,

Jermaine Thomas, WM

June 2nd Stated Communication
June 9,16,23, 30th Dark
July 7th Stated Communication
July 13th Coloma Lodge Golf Outing, Lake Cora
August 16th Lake Shore Lodge Annual Charity Golf Outing, Blossom Trails
August 21st Northern Berrien County Scottish Rite Club Annual Steak Fry

June Birthdays
Paul Gautam 6/1
Charles R. Alderdice 6/5
Jeffery H. Tobian 6/19
Jerold Alberts 6/21
Peter D. McQueen 6/25
Joshua A. Ott 6/25
Martin C. Olds 6/30

ST JOSEPH LODGE #437

F & AM

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The year is progressing and so is St. Joe 437. We had our 1st parade entry for 2025, Blossomtime parade. It was a success thanks to 2 brothers who got the float ready, Mike Humes and Brandon Schmidtke. Also to the brothers who rode the float in the parade. Also thanks to the St. Joe brothers who rode minibikes as part of the Berrien County Shrine Club Minibike Patrol.

We have a new Entered Apprentice who has performed a great proficiency and is now well on his Masonic journey, Fellow Craft degree coming fast. I thank all my Brothers for making my year a great one and having St. Joe 437 being a great Lodge. I look forward to being the Delegate for the lodge at Grand Lodge this year and am very proud that the Lodge has instilled in me to vote as the lodge desires.

Upcoming events:
May 19-20 Grand Lodge
June 2 Stated Communication 630pm dinner gavel 7pm
June 17 Fellowcraft Degree 630 Dinner 7pm gavel
June 28 Car show Pancake breakfast, more details at Stated Communications.
A list of parades for this year is with the Berrien County Shrine Club submission.
Also I invite all masons to visit other lodges in the area. This is a great way to meet other Masons. I belong to several lodges and would love to have St. Joe Masons come to them with me.

Fraternally yours,
Ron Price
Worshipful Master

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F & AM

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From the East:
I'm very pleased to announce that Coloma Lodge once again has a web page!
Simply enter ColomaMasons.org into your web browser and you'll find us. It is a work in progress, but for now you can get some basic information on activities in and around Coloma Lodge.
As this article goes to press, we have initiated another fine man into our fraternity. We are currently planning on conferring the Fellowcraft degree for our three Entered Apprentices on June 19 th at 6:30.
Please mark your calendars for Sunday, July 13, and register early to get in on the fun and fellowship of a great day of golf at Lake Cora Hills Golf Club in Paw Paw. The cost per player is only $70, making the total for a foursome only $280.
There are many sponsorship levels available. The PRO sponsorship at $500 includes a tee box sign and greens fees for a foursome! If your lodge, your business, or your family would like to be a hole sponsor only - or you would like to honor a departed Mason – please consider sponsoring at the EAGLE level for only $100 which includes a beautiful tee box sign. If you joined us for previous outings, then you know what a great time it is for everyone. We hope that you will make plans now to enjoy a summer morning basking in the warmth of Masonic fellowship.
Our stated meetings are the first Thursday of every month. We hope that you will come and say "hello" and join us for dinner at 6:30 p.m. before each Regular Communication.
Fraternally, **Phil Staub, WM**

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We were dark in the months of January and February. In March we met for our business meeting on the 1st Wednesday. It was good to see all our chapter members again and catch up on everything. We welcomed the Southwestern District Association in April and had a very nice evening playing white elephant bingo. We also met dear friends of brother Jermaine Thomas and in April, we investigated them. We also met another friend of brother Jermaine Thomas. For our May meeting we voted on the 3 friends of brother Jermaine Thomas, our Worthy Patron. On the 17th of May, America Chapter will host the Southwestern District Association officers for the installation of a new core of officers and chairmen for the committees. Sister Debbie Lightner will be installed as President and brother David O'Connell will be the 1st vice president. On the 31 Nile's chapter will host a reception honoring Grand Representatives and Grand Officers will do the exemplification degree to initiate our 3 new friends into our order and America chapter. We are looking forward to having our new members joining us and bringing their ideas for fundraisers and socializing.

In OES friendship,

Barbara Dickert

Worthy Matron America Chapter # 234
Benton Harbor.

June 2025

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2 Lakeshore #298 Stated St Joe #437 Stated Three Oaks #239 Stated	3	4	5	6	7
8 Shrine Club - Parade in Three Oaks	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St Joe #437 Fellowcraft Degree	18	19 Coloma #162 Entered Apprentice Degrees (x3)	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 St Joe #437 Car show, Pancake Breakfast
29	30					